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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patents Application  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith,  
please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3-8 as follows:

3. (Amended) A man-hour management system according to Claim 1, comprising a timing graph data table for performing registration management of data of a timing graph, data being assigned to said timing graph data table from said main man-hour management table;

wherein said man-hour output means outputs the man-hour information by being assigned data also from said timing graph data table.

4. (Amended) A man-hour management system according to Claim 1, comprising a line name table for performing registration management of modes of lines which implement works;

wherein said main man-hour management table is assigned data also from said line name table.

5. (Amended) A man-hour management system according to Claim 1, comprising a series table for performing registration management of series and types associated with the series;

wherein said main man-hour management table is assigned data also from said series table.

6. (Amended) A man-hour management system according to Claim 1, comprising a derivation table for performing registration management of derivatives associated with each of the series and the types;

wherein said main man-hour management table is assigned data also from said derivation table.

7. (Amended) A man-hour management system according to Claim 1, comprising:

a database in which the tables are stored; and

series data backup means for extracting the data of said tables in series units as have become unnecessary, from said database, and for re-storing said data of said tables extracted in series units, in said database.

8. (Amended) A man-hour management system according to Claim 1, wherein the constituent work (element work) has its each movement classified into one of a main action, a supplemental action and a quasi action, and standardized man-hours analyzed are set for said each movement.

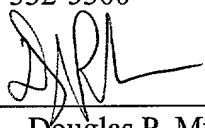
REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3-8.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Marked-up Copy".

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Curtis B. Hamre (Reg. No. 29,165), at (612) 336.4755.

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**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS**

3. A man-hour management system according to [either of Claims 1 and 2,]  
claim 1, comprising a timing graph data table for performing registration management of  
data of a timing graph, data being assigned to said timing graph data table from said main  
man-hour management table;

wherein said man-hour output means outputs the man-hour information by being  
assigned data also from said timing graph data table.

4. A man-hour management system according to [any of Claims 1 through 3,]  
claim 1, comprising a line name table for performing registration management of modes  
of lines which implement works;

wherein said main man-hour management table is assigned data also from said  
line name table.

5. A man-hour management system according to [any of Claims 1 through 4,]  
claim 1, comprising a series table for performing registration management of series and  
types associated with the series;

wherein said main man-hour management table is assigned data also from said  
series table.

6. A man-hour management system according to [any of Claims 1 through 5,]  
claim 1, comprising a derivation table for performing registration management of  
derivatives associated with each of the series and the types;

wherein said main man-hour management table is assigned data also from said  
derivation table.

